

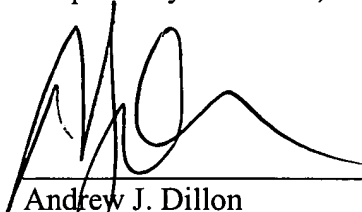
REMARKS

The present claims are submitted in order to further characterize the present invention in view of the references cited by the Examiner. Each of the claims of the present Amendment expressly recites a short data burst which includes a service reference identifier, a service option identifier, a multi-bit reserve field and a single bit within the multi-bit reserve field which is designated as a service option identifier omit indicator. Thereafter, transmission of the short data burst with the data block occurs with or without the service option identifier based, upon the state of the designated single bit within the multi-bit reserve field.

No references cited by the Examiner show or suggest in anyway the utilization of a designated bit within a multi-bit reserve field for controlling the transmission or non-transmission of a service option identifier in the matter expressly set forth within the present claims and early consideration of this Amendment and passage of this application to issue is respectfully requested.

A one-month extension of time and a check for the appropriate fees are enclosed herewith. No additional extension of time or fees is believed to be required. However, in the event that an extension of time is required, please charge that extension fee and any other required fees to **Deposit Account Number 50-3083**.

Respectfully submitted,



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